

A special meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:32 p.m., pursuant to notice, in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha and Robinson.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2007-2008 BUDGET AND CIP

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Marty Berndt, 10009 161 Avenue NE, encouraged the Council to take Senior Center needs into consideration when thinking about the budget.

Carolyn Vache, 17723 NE 133, Co-President of the Redmond High School PTSA, said the School Resource Officer Program is successful and effective. She urged the Council to fund the maximum number of police officers needed to fully staff the School Resource Officer program.

Ray Anspach, 16211 NE 90 Court, thanked the Council for their support and said the Senior Center is facing an influx of seniors due to the aging baby boomer population. He urged the Council to support the Senior Center as they cope with a changing situation.

Jack Price, 9931 181 Avenue NE, expressed concerns about staffing in the Police Department and asked that the Police Department program requests contained in the budget be approved.

Corinne Kotila, 16495 NE 74 Street, a representative of the Macerich Management Company, encouraged the Council to continue the Redmond Lights event and read a letter on behalf of Kimberly Campbell, Senior Manager at the Macerich Management Company.

Sheri Sanders, 17739 NE 101 Court, encouraged the Council to fully fund the School Resource Officer program and said not having the officers in the schools is putting children at risk.

Larry Happ, 7704 211 Avenue NE, urged the Council to pay attention to professional and contract services in the line item budget, emphasized the need for a self-supporting Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), and stated the services of the City Chaplain are unnecessary and redundant.

Sat Jaidka, 16004 NE 91 Way, commented on the monthly Indian Lunch event at the Senior Center and asked Council to allocate additional funds to support senior programming.

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Nirmal Jaidka, 16004 NE 91 Way, encouraged Council to put more money towards the Senior Center program.

Stephanie Schriger, 17405 NE 35 Place, urged the Council to fund the School Resource Officer program and suggested pursuing public/private partnerships or cutting redundant human services programs to fund Police.

Steve Leitis, 2624 185 NE, said he understood the budget was a matter of choices and asked how the City could afford a new City Hall building when it cannot put School Resource Officers in Redmond schools.

Council engaged in a general discussion with citizens regarding budget choices, vacancies in the Police Department and the revenue received from businesses in Redmond.

Hearing no further testimony, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:32 p.m.

Councilmember Allen announced the Council would be having an informal budget discussion at the upcoming meeting of the Redmond Kiwanis Club on November 21, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Meritage Restaurant in Redmond.

Councilmembers encouraged citizens to contact them via e-mail or telephone.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ives adjourned the special meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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